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TAGS: NASA, TSPA, MA, US

SUBJECT: NASA STATION AND AID RAILROAD LOAN NEGOTIATIONS

REF: TANANARIVE 1290

1. GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO TELEPHONED ME AGAIN AUGUST 27 TO STATE HE HAD FURTHER CONSIDERED OUR EARLIER TALK, AND ASKED THAT WE CONCLUDE NASA AGREEMENT IN FORM OF CONVENTION (WITH NUMBERED CLAUSES) WHICH WE WOULD BOTH SIGN, RATHER THAN AS DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE OF NOTES. HE EXPLAINED THAT LATTER WOULD NECESSARILY BRING INTO PICTURE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH AGAINST NEW NASA AGREEMENT, WHEREAS HE COULD SIGN CONVENTION AS MINISTER IN CHARGE OF POST AND TELECOM-MUNICATIONS.

2. I TOLD HIM I FULLY UNDERSTOOD HIS REASONING, AND WOULD ENDEAVOR PERSUADE WASHINGTON AGREE TO THIS METHOD OF CONCLUDING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. HE SUGGESTED I TELL WASHINGTON THAT, SINCE WE WOULD SIMPLY BE REGULARIZING
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SITUATION IN WHICH NASA STATION HAS CONTINUED TO OPERATE

AS BEFORE, IT WOULD BE LIKE CARRYING OUT MARRIAGE CEREMONY
FOR MAN AND WOMAN ALREADY LIVING TOGETHER*

3. ANDRIAMHAZO INDICATED HE STILL WANTS HIS SECRETARY
GENERAL AND DCM GET TOGETHER ON FORMER'S RETURN TO TANANARIVE
TO SET UP CONVENTION TEXT FOR SIGNATURE. I SAID I UNDER-
STOOD FROM HIM THIS MORNING THAT GOMR HAD ACCEPTED TEXT WE
PREPARED. HE REITERATED THAT IT HAD, AND ALL THAT REMAINS
TO BE DONE IS TO CONVERT THAT TEXT INTO CONVENTION.

4. ANDRIAMHAZO SAID HE HIMSELF SHOULD BE BACK FROM
PROVINCIAL TOUR IN TIME TO SIGN CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 6. I
REPLIED FINE, AND WE COULD SIGN BOTH NASA AND AID RAIL-
ROAD LOAN AGREEMENTS THAT DATE.

5. ACTION: URGENTLY REQUEST WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE IN
CONCLUDING NASA AGREEMENT IN CONVENTION FORM PROPOSED BY
ANDRIAMHAZO, AS I AM CONVINCED SUCH FORM WILL PROVIDE U.S.
WITH AS MUCH ASSURANCE OF FUTURE GOMR RESPECT FOR ITS
TERMS AS EXCHANGE NOTES WOULD. EMBASSY PROCEEDING CONVERT
NOTE TEXT INTO CONVENTION FORM. DOES DEPARTMENT WANT
LATTER CABLED FOR ITS APPROVAL?
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